



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For STEPPED-UP NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION METHOD

## RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enter the following remarks, in response to the final Office Action mailed July 20, 2006.

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